

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

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This application is the U.S. national phase of International Application PCT/EP2003/007363, filed July 9, 2003, claiming priority to German Patent Application 10231867.0 filed July 12, 2002, and the benefit under 35 U.S.C. 119(e) of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/405,445, filed August 20, 2002; the disclosures of International Application PCT/EP2003/007363, German Patent Application 10231867.0 and U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/405,445, each as filed, are incorporated herein by reference.

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Brief Description of the Drawings

Figure 1 is a diagram of a device for partitioning a plastic parison.

Figure 2 is a diagram of a device for partitioning a plastic parison with guide rollers.

Figure 3 illustrates deformation in parisons prepared by processes not according to the invention.

Figure 4 illustrates a device for partitioning parisons, and the resultant partitioned parisons or semifinished sheets.